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SUBJ: CONFESSIONS OF SEPTEMBER COUP PLOTTERS BROADCAST ON RADIO
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SUMMARY: IN SPECIAL PROGRAM DECEMBER 5 RADIO AFGHANISTAN BROADCAST
SELECTED PORTIONS OF TAPES SAID TO CONTAIN CONFESSIONS OF MAIWANDWAL
COUP PLOTTERS. ADMISSIONS OF GUILT ON PART OF KHAN MOHAMMAD KHAN,
GENERAL ABDUR RAZAK, PILOT MAHAMMAD AKRAN, COLONEL SAYEED AMIR
AND FORMER DEPUTY HAJI FAQIR MOHAMMAD WERE FEATURED. ALL IMPLICATE
MAIWANDWAL AS ONE OF EARLIEST PLOTTERS, BUT TAPES OF MAIWANDWAL
HIMSELF WERE MISSING. NO REPEAT NO MENTION MADE IN TAPES OF ANY
FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN COUP PLOTTING. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH SURPRISINGLY LITTLE FANFARE AND PUBLICITY, RADIO AFGHANISTAN
BROADCAST SPECIAL PROGRAM EVENING OF DECEMBER 5 IN WHICH SELECTED
PORTIONNS OF TAPE RECORDED CONFESSIONS FROM SEPTEMBER COUP
PLOTTERS WERE PLAYED. LONG PROMISED DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF
"FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT" WAS ABSENT AS TAPES COVERED ONLY PRELIMINARY
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PLANNING AND MEETINGS OF PLOTTERS,(ALTHOUGH COMMENT READ BY ANNOUNCER

BEFORE TAPES PALYED SAID COUP WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE "WITH FOREIGN HELP").

INFORMATION GIVEN IS SPOTTY BUT CONCLUSIVE AS TO INTENTION OF PLOTTERS. ROLE OF RET GENERAL KHAN MOHAMMAD KHAN COMES THROUGH STRONGEST AS INSTRUMENTAL IN OVERALL PLANNING WHILE REFERENCES TO MAIWANDWAL ARE IN THE MAIN MORE SECONDARY.

2. KHAN MOHAMMAD KHAN'S PLAN WAS TO UTILIZE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP, MILITARY UNITS THAT COULD BE PERSUADED TO JOIN AND FORMER DEPUTIES AND ELDERS. THE MULLAHS, ELDERS AND DEPUTIES WOULD BE PERSUADED TO ATTACK THE GOVERNMENT AS COMMUNIST AND ONE THAT INTENDED TO SEIZE ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY. THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE DISTURBANCES OUTSIDE OF KABUL THEREBY TYING DOWN MANY ARMY UNITS. KABUL WOULD THUS BE UNDEFENDED, AND USING UNITS LOYAL TO GEN KHAN MOHAMMAD, FORMER AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL ABDUR RAZAK, COMMANDANT OF CENTRAL FORCES, COLONEL SAYEED AMIR AND OTHERS, IT COULD BE EASILY CAPTURED. PRESIDENT DAOUD WAS TO BE KIDNAPPED.

3. EACH SEPARATE TAPE GIVES SOME DETAIL OF THAT PERSONS OWN ROLE IN PLANNING, ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF WHO SAID WHAT TO WHOME ARE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED. THOSE DIRECTLY IMPLICATED BY NAME ARE HAJI FAQUIR MOHAMMAD, FORMER DEPUTY FROM JALALABAD, BRIGADIER ZARGHUN SHAH, RET GENERAL ABDUR RAZAK, RET BRIGADIER KOHAT, FORMER DEPUTY SAIFUR RAHMAN, GENERAL ABDUS SALAM (MALIKYAR) GENERAL NIK MOHAMMAD SAHAK, GENERAL RAHIM NASSERI, GENERAL ABDUL JABBAR KMALIKYAR) (BROTHER OF GEN SALAM). BRIGADIER NOOR MOHAMMAD (FORMER CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN CENTRAL FORCES), SARWAT SHAH, SHER AFZAL, MOHAMMED AKRAM (PILOT), GENERAL NUMTAZ KHAN, DAWA JAN, ASLAM KHAN, GENERAL GULBAHAR (FORMER AIR FORCE COMMANDER), COLONEL AMINULLAH AND AZIMULLAH.

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